# A STRUCTURAL STUDY OF SOME CATERPILLARS.\*

By WILLIAM T. M. FORBES, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

Although the Lepidoptera have been studied for a long time little attention has been paid as yet to the minute description of their caterpillars. In describing a caterpillar most authors have contented themselves with the colors and markings, adding an occasional note on the structure if especially striking.

My problem, therefore, has been to discover external structures characteristic of the groups of caterpillars, especially such as have been less carefully studied by others. This paper then deals mainly with the parts and setae of the head. I have also summarized my studies on the prolegs, and have included some of Dyar's characters derived from the body-setae. I have tried so far as possible, to lay emphasis also on such characters as could be determined from the cast skin. It appears that, with a little care since they are brittle, the characters of the head can be made out quite as easily from cast skins as from killed material. The body can not be studied quite so well, but at least the arrangement of the proleg hooks, and also the type of vestiture, whether primary, secondary or tufted, can be made out without trouble.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS.

My material is made up of specimens representing about 125 genera, preserved in various ways. The major part were collected personally in the course of the past summer and preserved in alcohol. There were also a few cast skins, and a few caterpillars dried whole without any preparation. To this I added a number of species from the American Entomological Company, which were preserved in formalin, and a series of inflations, mostly of Microlepidoptera, from Staudinger and Bang-Haas.

Most of my alcoholic material was cleared by boiling in 10 per cent. caustic soda, cutting the skin down one side, and separating the maxillae and labium from the rest of the head. The dried caterpillars were treated in the same way. Often one mandible was also removed to give a clearer view of the labrum. The prepared skins were then preserved in alcohol, except a few that

<sup>\*</sup> A Dissertation submitted to the Faculty of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and accepted on the recommendation of C. F. Hodge.

were mounted in Farrant's gum-glycerine. The same method was tried on formaldehyde specimens, but with much less success, as the muscle would not dissolve easily and had to be picked out piecemeal.

The remainder of the specimens were examined entire, as opaque objects. By placing them in full sunlight, or even concentrating it on them with a lens, they could be examined successfully, even with rather high powers of the microscope. A binocular microscope was very useful, especially in getting a correct idea of the relations of parts, in dissecting, and in hunting for setae.

Inflations of the smaller species were sometimes immersed in xylol, or in absolute alcohol, when they could be examined by transmitted light. They did not collapse on being taken out and dried again.

Most of the drawings were sketched with the camera lucida, the details being put in free-hand under a higher power. They were not drawn to a single scale, as they differ a great deal in size, and the size is of little classificatory value.

The purchased specimens were received with names. In the case of the others, which were named by the writer, there was often some uncertainty, as indicated by question marks in the text. This was especially the case in the Noctuidae and Geometridae, where I have listed less than half of my specimens.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

I wish to express my thanks to the many who have made this study possible by their help in supplying specimens, in allowing the use of instruments and books and by advice and information.

WM. T. M. FORBES.

# STRUCTURE.

A caterpillar is an insect larva in which the thorax and abdomen are similar in general appearance, the head alone is heavily chitinized; there is no sclerite between the antennae and the mandibles; the mouthparts are small and largely retractile, with lacinia not recognizeable as such and no glossæ or paraglossæ. The whole structure of the maxillæ and labium is peculiar and not closely paralleled in other orders.

Most of the head as seen from in front, is composed of the two *epicrania* (compare Fig. 1), each of which usually bears eleven primary setae and the eyes. There are also almost always

present additional setae or punctures, mostly in the neighborhood of setae i and ii. (One pair of punctures is shown in the figure).\*

Lying above the mouth and separating the epicrania is a triangular sclerite, the *front*. It has two setæ near its lower outer angles, and usually between them a pair of punctures. In *Hepialus*, however, the setæ lie between the punctures. The front and the epicrania are separated by a pair of narrow *adfrontal* sclerites, each of which has two setæ and a puncture between them.†

Bordering the lower side of the front is the *clypeus*, with a pair of setae at each end; and hanging from that, the movable labrum, which belongs functionally to the mouth. Its structure

will be mentioned with that of the mouthparts.

On each side, between the two articulations of the mandible is the antenna. (Fig. 29.) It is four-jointed, but all but the second of these are minute. There is a large membranous cone at the base, which Scudder treats as a true joint. It is inverted when the antenna is retracted, and would seem to be no different from the membrane which separates all the joints of the antenna. The antenna is surprisingly constant in its structure, the arrangement of setæ shown in the figure occurs with little change in all the caterpillars studied. The Lasiocampidae alone have a few secondary setæ.

The mouth parts are the labrum, or upper lip (Fig. 12), the two mandibles (Fig. 28), and the lower lip (Fig. 2), which in caterpillars is formed of the maxillae as well as the labium. The labrum is oblong, wider than high, with the free edge rounded, and with a notch, through which the food is guided into the mouth. It bears (1) a row of four setæ across the top of the notch (i and ii). (2) two pair of setæ on the lateral edge (iii and iv), (3) two pair of setæ on the tip of its two lobes (v and vi). There are several punctures, the most noticeable of which is the one indicated in the drawing and marked ia. On the inner side there are a large number of sensory cones, and near the outer edge three larger similar cones. The latter are indicated in outline on the figure. The labrum has been especially useful in furnishing characters.

<sup>†</sup> The front, as the term used in this article, has been usually called the clypeus, the adirontals being known as paracylpeals, and the clypeus as anteclypeus or epistoma. I believe that the set of names used here agrees better with their homologies in other orders.

<sup>\*</sup> Dyar's numbering of the setae, which has been copied in Fig. 1, is published in Journ, of the N. Y. Entomological Society IV, 93, with a figure.

It varies considerably in the position of its setæ, and is flat, not easily distorted, and easily studied under the microscope. The setae which appear on the margin in figure 12 have often migrated inward a distance on the surface of the labrum, and in different groups it is different setae that have migrated. As is often the case these differences define smaller groups in the butterflies, than in the moths. For example, vi has migrated up toward ii in the Sphingidæ, in Apatelodes, which shows other resemblances to the Sphingidae also; and in a part only of the Nymphalinae among the butterflies. (Figs. 14 to 18). iii migrates inward in the Pierids. Another striking arrangement occurs in the Skippers, as shown by Figs. 23 and 24.

The mandibles are the heavy jaws, and are the only ones used for biting. They bear two setæ on the outer side and the edge is more or less notched, the notches of the two sides fitting into each other. Taxonomically they seem more characteristic of genera than of larger groups. The position of the distal seta far out on the scrobe, as shown in the figure, is typical of the Sphingidæ. The Arctiidæ show interesting variations in structure of the mandibles.

The labium forms the middle of the hind margin of the mouth. It is roughly cylindrical. The basal part is formed by a long, usually lightly-chitinized joint, the mentum, which bears two setae near its middle. Resting on that is the heavy ringshaped sclerite, a, whose setæ are shown in the figure as free in the membrane distad of the sclerite. This is often the case. The tip of the labium is retractile, and therefore largely formed of membrane (see Fig. 3). Projecting from its center is the cylindrical or flattened spinneret, which is of membrane, strengthened by three chitinous bands. Surrounding the base of the spinneret is the ring, c, composed of an inner and an outer semicircular sclerite. It bears a puncture at each side, and may be either very wide and heavy as in the Psychidae, or reduced to a narrow ring about the puncture, as in typical Noctuidac. The labial palpi spring from an area of membrane on each side of c. There is one large and one minute joint, each bearing a seta. In Catocala there is also a rudimentary basal joint. remaining sclerite, b, of the labium forms a semicircle about the base of the palp. It bears two punctures at its ventral end.

The *submentum* is divided into a pair of triangular sclerites at the base of the labium. These are usually separated by the base of the mentum. (Compare Figs. 2 and 25).

All the parts of the labium and maxillae are described as if looking at the exposed surface from below or from behind according to the position in which the caterpillar holds its head. This surface morphologically consists of the caudal aspect of the labium, and the caudo-lateral aspect of the maxillae.

The maxillae are fused at the base with the labium, but are free at the tip. The main part is made up of a usually lightly chitinized joint, the stipes (plus the palpifer) which bears two setae at its distal end. The cardo forms a small triangle between the base of the stipes and the submentum. At the tip of the stipes there are two very incomplete rings, which would seem to be the basal joints of the palpus, but which are completely fused with the maxilla proper. In Hepialus the more distal of these is shaped like a normal joint of the palpus, and in Micropteryx, according to Packard, it is free. From the end of these arises the two-jointed free part of the palpus, and mesad of this springs the large basal joint of the galea, which forms an incomplete ring. The tip of this joint bears the two maxillary lobes (which are the distal joints of the galea and lacinia?), and is also armed with two large cones (anterior to the maxillary lobes in Frenatæ, and mesad to them in Hepialus), two small cones (posterior to the maxillary lobes) and a step-cone between them. The latter is composed of a larger chitinous ring, bearing a thinwalled cone at its tip. Each of the maxillary lobes, also, bears a sense-cone at its tip.

Chitinous sclerites are but little developed as a rule on the body. The greatest development that I have seen on the abdomen occurs in Incurvaria. In this caterpillar each segment has two dorsal and two ventral plates (see Fig. 34). The anterior ventral plate, or sternum, extends between the prolegs.

The thorax has more extensive sclerites in Adela, as the sketch of the pro- and meso-thorax (Fig. 35) shows. Not many of the sutures are traceable, so that they can be only roughly homologized with those of other insects. The præsternum and sternellum of the prothorax are more distinct.

In higher caterpillars only the coxæ, which are divided by a clear suture into coxa and meron, are preserved. Besides the coxæ, the legs have very short femurs and tibiæ and a singlejointed tarsus, which bears one claw.

One of the chief characteristics of the caterpillars is the definite arrangement of setae. These are either primary, which are common to all the caterpillars, and many of which can be homologized with setae occurring in the *Trichoptera* and *Panorpata*; or they are secondary, in larger numbers, and not definitely arranged. The setæ are more or less completely carried over into the pupa, with comparatively slight changes in their arrangement. Often in place of the primary hairs there are tufts of hair springing from the same wart. This is the condition spoken of as "with tufted hair." In such caterpillars as *Melalopha*, this is due to the occurrence of secondary hair on the tubercle of the primary hair, which remains quite distinct, but in the *Arctiidae* it seems rather to be a reduplication of the primary hair.

Where the secondary hairs are very few, like the primaries, they take definite positions, and are then known as subprimaries.

The arrangement of the primary setæ on the meso- and metathorax of the typical Frenatæ is shown in figure 4, while different arrangements for the abdomen are shown in Figures 5, 33 and 34. The small primaries numbered iiia, ix and x are usually overlooked. The numbering of the others is after Dyar, except that figure 33 is changed to make it agree with the others.

The prothorax has its arrangement modified by the persistence of three sclerites, the *cervical shield*, with many setæ and some punctures, the *prespiracular wart*, with two or three setæ (sometimes fused with the cervical shield) and the *subventral wart*, with two or three setae.

Tufted or secondary hair on the body is usually accompanied by secondary hair on the true legs and head. It reaches its greatest development in the Lasiocampidae, where it occurs even on the antennae and palpi, and on the sclerites, a, b, and c of the labium.

#### PROLEGS.

One may take as a typical proleg that of the *Tortricidae* or higher *Tineidae*. It is a fleshy, more or less conical projection, the tip of which, the *planta*, is more or less retractile, and rounded or flat. Around the edge of the planta is a series of hooks or crotchets, each imbedded about two-thirds its length in the skin, but with the tip free and hooked toward the center of the circle. To the center of the planta is attached a muscle, by which it can be completely inverted, even the hooks disappearing from sight. Just above the hooks on the outer side there may be a horny edge, and above that, a larger plate bearing three setae (vii). On the front of the base is a minute seta (sometimes entirely in front of the leg,) and on the inner side another (viii).

The possibly primitive state of the proleg can perhaps be reconstructed from Adela and Incurvaria. Each segment bore on the ventral side two chitinous sclerites, between which was a fold of membrane, which was rough with minute conical granulations like the rest of the skin. In this membrane there may have developed a concave fold, which lost its granulations, while those at each edge of it were enlarged, and became regularly imbricated, gradually becoming like the unmodified granules as you go away from the fold toward the two sclerites. This is the condition of Adela, (Fig. 6), except that the sclerites still preserved in Incurvaria, are lost. On segment A6 the front side of the fold only develops hooks, and the folds of the remaining abdominal segments (1, 2, 7, 8, and 9) are traceable, but entirely without hooks. There are no anal legs.

In Incurvaria (Fig. 7) the posterior rows of hooks have disappeared on all the segments, so that Å6 is no longer different from

A<sub>3</sub> to 5, and the hooks are reduced to a single row.

Hepialus has kept two rows of hooks, and in part, three, but the terminal row is much more highly developed, while the others are quite rudimentary. The two bands have fused on the inner side, and approach each other on the outer side, thus enclosing the fold, which becomes the planta. In many higher micros the outer ends have also fused, making the circle (ellipse) complete. In all above the Tineidae there have developed hooks on the last segment, but there is never a posterior series, or a complete circle; in some there is a straight band, which becomes a loop, but is always open posteriorly. It is nearest a circle in the Psychidae and lower butterflies. In the higher forms (butterflies and Noctuidae for instance), it has again become straight, but longitudinal, by the disappearance of the outer hooks.

The ventral legs have a similar evolution. The circle which serves as a type for all the higher species may be broken on the outer side (Pyralididae), on the inner side (Psychidae), or on both (Egeriidae). It may be broken in front and back (Papilionidae, Thyatiridae, Libytheidae,) and in that ease the outer half becomes weaker, and then disappears, leaving an inner band only (Noctui-

na, Bombycina, higher butterflies, etc.)

In the *Tineina* the last ventral legs may entirely disappear (as has been mentioned they are only half developed in the very primitive type Adela) while in several higher families the first ventrals are lost (*Noctuidae*, *Geometridae*, *Nolidae*). In the

Thyatiridae, Drepanidae and Notodontidae the last legs either disappear or are modified, while in the lowest Tineids they may have never developed (Adela, Incurvaria). In the Eucleidae and Nepticula, as well as some other leaf-miners there are no hooks at all on the prolegs, but the area of roughened skin in Nepticula suggests an even more primitive condition than occurs in Adela.

The Lycaenidae, as well shown in Scudder's figure, have developed an outer fleshy lobe, apparently from the planta. The planta is apt to be unrecognizable in those which have lost the outer part of the circle of hooks, but its retractor muscle serves as in the lower ones to withdraw the hooks that remain. (Compare Jasoniades with Papilio).

In Lagoa the line of hooks is sharply angulate at the middle and there the hooks are shortened.

Another variation is in the arrangement of the hooks in the band. In the most primitive forms all those in a single line are of equal length gradually decreasing to the end, but a little higher in the scale, there develops an alternation of length by which the hooked tips are thrown into two or more ranks. In many of the highest families the single length again prevails, apparently as a secondary modification. In the lower forms (Micros) these two arrangements intergrade, but in the Macros they separate families or even superfamilies very sharply.

The proleg typically bears four setae, three on the outer side (vii) and one on the inner or anterior side (viii). The minute primary ix may migrate up on to the anterior side.

# HOMOLOGIES AND NAMES OF THE PARTS OF THE HEAD.

About the identity of the front and elypeus; and of course of the mandibles, labrum, maxillae and labium as a whole, there can be little or no doubt. The epicrania, as the name is used in this paper, include also a number of other sclerites which are fused with it so completely as to show no suture. A large part of the epicrania becomes the compound eyes in the imago. The postgenæ will not be discussed to any extent, but they are quite distinct.

The naming of the parts of the maxillæ and labium on the other hand has been done mainly in order to refer to them intelligibly. Such grounds as I have for this tentative homologizing may be largely drawn from the figure of the Elaterid beetle larva,

figure 25. The arrangement is about the same in Phryganea (one of the herbivorous caddis-flies), but in a sawfly, as shown in figure 32, there is no close relation to the others, the modifications having taken quite a different direction. In all three of these non-lepidopterous types the lacinia of the maxilla is well developed, but in the Elater the proximal joint of the galea is open on the inner side, and one can see how the lacinia might easily fuse to it in much the same way as the galea is fused to the two basal joints of the palpus in the higher caterpillars.

Especially striking is the complete disappearance of the glossæ and paraglossæ, not only in the larvæ figured, but in the adult Elater also. The setae marked ai and the more ventral of the two sclerites which form the ring c, come closest to the

normal position of the glossæ and paraglossæ.

ARTIFICIAL KEY TO THE FAMILIES OF FRENATÆ.

	(Incomplete in the Microlepidoptera.)
1.	Prolegs each of one or two transverse bands of rudimentary hooks, no anal prolegs
1.	Hooks of prolegs in curved or longitudinal bands, or in a circle, anal prolegs wanting only in Drepanidae
1.	No prolegs, or prolegs without hooks
<u>.)</u> .	Slug-caterpillars, exposed feeders
3. 3. 3.	Hooks of prolegs in two curved transverse bands
4. 4. 4.	With much fine secondary hair
5. 5.	Head much larger than second segment
6.	Circle of hooks interrupted caudo-mesally, and as complete on anals as on the other prolegs
-	The typical Micros, including Cossidae, Thyrididae and Orneodidae.
$\frac{7}{7}$ .	Seta i of abdomen dorsal of ii, front much higher than wide Solenobiinae Seta ii of abdomen dorsal of i, front as wide as high
S.	Hooks of prolegs alternately of three lengths, at least with some short hooks on anal prolegs
8. 8.	Hooks of prolegs alternately of two lengths
9.	Maxillary lobes minute; labrum with 18 or more secondaries. Papilionidae Maxillary lobes at least half as long as terminal joint of palpus; labrum with less than 18 secondaries
10. 10.	Slugcaterpillars with small heads

11. 11.	Seta iii of labrum as near to ii as to iv, far from margin
12.	Hooks of prolegs in an angulated band, shortest at the angle; with additional prolegs (two pair) without hooks
12.	Hooks of prolegs in a straight or curved band; no additional prolegs13
13. 13.	Anal prolegs reduced or modified, with fewer or no hooks. Notodontidae Anal prolegs larger than ventral ones
14. 14. 14.	With dense fine secondary hair on head, body with tufted hair
15.	Eversible dorsal glands on posterior abdominal segments; a tuft of secondary hair on the adfrontals; five warts on mesothoraxLiparidae No eversible dorsal glands; no such tuft of secondary hair16
16. 16.	Three warts on mesothorax, the upper very largeSyntomidae Four nearly equal warts on mesothoraxNoctuidae (Pantheinae)
17. 17.	Body with primary hair only
18. 18.	Fourteen legs (first prolegs wanting)
19.	Two warts above spiracle on each segment of abdomen
19.	Zygaenidae (Pyromorphidæ) Three warts above spiracle on each segment of abdomen, or with second- ary hair
20.	Adfrontal puncture three times as far from lower as from upper seta
20.	Adfrontal puncture not more than twice as far from lower as from upper seta
21. 21.	Without secondary hair
22. 22. 22.	Anal legs wanting; a series of small outer hooks on prolegs. Drepanidae Anal legs reduced; a few outer hooks on prolegs
23.	Secondary hair on antennae, palpi, and sclerites a, b and c of labium  Lasiocampidae
23.	No secondary hair on antennae, palpi, or tip of labium24
24. 24.	Seta vi of labrum distant from margin, migrated toward ii*
25. 25.	Hair microscopic; without tufted hairSphingidae Hair conspicuous; with tufted as well as secondary hairApatelodes†
26.	An unpaired dorsal spine or tubercle on ninth abdominal segment  Citheroniidae
26.	Usually with an unpaired dorsal spine on eighth abdominal segment, but never with one on the ninthSaturniidae

<sup>\*</sup>This separation does not entirely hold, see the descriptions of the individual families.
† Probably does not belong to the Notodontidae.

# SPECIAL PART.

#### THE SUBORDERS.

JUGATAE: Unfortunately I have only the highest family, Hepialidae, of this suborder for examination. Probably the head characters will hold in the other families, so far as they are primitive in their nature, such as the palpi, ocelli and galea, but the others will be very likely to fail.

Frontal punctures more widely separated than frontal setae; the four anterior eyes arranged in two pairs; galea with the area of membrane on the mesal aspect, one of the large cones being shifted far proximad on that side; second joint of palpi more distinct than in the Frenatae and shaped like the free distal ones; an anterior subdorsal seta present on the meso- and metathorax, besides the minute primaries; iiia of abdomen large and dorsal to iii; ix of abdomen large, on leg-base.

The abdominal setae iv, v and vi of Hepialus hectus are arranged very much as in Incurvaria. The hooks of the prolegs form a circle broken shortly on the inner side; they are all of one length, but there is a double series of rudimentary hooks at their base.

Figures 27, 30, 33.

FRENATAE (including Rhopalocera): Frontal punctures closer together than frontal setæ; the four anterior eyes forming an arc of a circle; base of galea with the area of membrane on the anterior side, and with the large cones nearly opposite the maxillary lobes; first two joints of palpi quite similar, very short, and completely fused into the maxillae; no anterior subdorsal seta on thorax (except in Lithosiidae, which are otherwise very highly developed Frenatae); iiia of abdomen minute, usually lying between iii and the spiracle; ix of abdomen minute.

The prolegs of Adela are probably more primitive than those of Hepialus.

Superfamily Papilionina (including the Hesperiina):\*

Prolegs with hooks alternately of three, very rarely of two, lengths, either in a complete circle or a straight line. Secondary hair present (on body, epicrania, front, mandibles and stipes, and sometimes everywhere except on the tips of the mouthparts and the antennae.) Labium narrower than the maxillae, and narrower at the base than one of the submenta.

<sup>\*</sup> See Scudder, Butterflies of Eastern North America; for a good many additional characters, and for descriptions of all the known eastern species.

Of the Hesperiina I have seen no caterpillars of the Megathymidæ. The characters I have italicized should be expected to apply to them as well as the Hesperiidæ, while the small, normal head will separate them.

1. Labrum very shallowly notched, all six setae near the outer edge; cervical region chitinized in two pair of sclerites, which fuse more or less to the corresponding sclerites of the head; postgenae very wide. Large cones with a tuft of branches (unique). Prolegs with hooks in a complete circle, or shortly broken on the outer side; part of primaries modified into flat plates, the others inconspicuous. Labial setae ai close together.

\* Feet with 125 hooks, alternately of 3 lengths. Head square; postgenae with setae; adfrontals abruptly widened at top of front; gula as wide at base as it is long. Example: Epargyreus tityrus (Fig. 23).

- \* Feet with 50 hooks, alternately of two lengths; head heart-shaped; postgenae fused with gula and without setae; adfrontals very wide and long; gula twice as wide. Example: Pholisora catullus.
- (Fig. 24).

  1. Labrum usually with setae normal (about as in Noctuidae) not all on the terminal margin, usually moderately notched; cervical region not chitinized, postgenae meeting, or else very narrow. Large cones simple, normal. Proleg with hooks never in a complete circle or horseshoe (the outer band preserved only in Jasoniades, Euphoeades) primaries unmodified, usually similar to secondaries; labial setae ai widely separated.

  Papilionina go to 2.
- 2. Labrum with about 18 secondaries. Maxillary lobes very small, front wider than high, not reaching half way to vertex; clypeus as broad as 1-3 height of front, with many scattered secondaries, primaries separated by half the distance that separates the two primaries i from each other. Lower end of adf. about as broad as clypeus. Papilionidae

  \* Feet with an outer row of 45 small hooks and an inner row of

80 large ones. Example: Jasoniades glaucus (Figs. 11 and 22.)

Euphocades troilus.

\* Feet with a single row only of about 50 hooks.

Example: Papilio polyxenes (Figs. 10 and 21.)

Laërtias philenor.

- 2. Labrum with less, or usually without secondaries. Maxillary lobes at least half as long as last joint of palpus. Front higher than wide (except in Anosia) usually reaching more than half way to vertex; clypeus usually much narrower, and with less or no secondaries, when widest the adfrontals are only about half as wide as it at the bottom. go to 3.
- 3. Head small and body stout; prolegs with fleshy outer lobes curving down over the row of hooks; clypeal setae very far apart; about as in Papilio, but on a narrow clypeus. Seta iv of labrum some distance from the margin. Adfrontals apparently very narrow.

  Example: The claibeis (Fig. 38)

Example: Thecla ilicis. (Fig. 38.)

3. Head at least half diameter of body, which is approximately cylindrical;

prolegs normal; seta iv of labrum variable. Claws of true legs deeply lobed.

go to 4.

- 4. Primaries on body mostly distinct, in P. brassicae conspicuous; adfrontals very narrow; clypeal setae far apart; iii of labrum distant from margin nearly as far as from seta ii.

  Example: P. rapae, (Fig. 20), P. brassicae.
- 4. Primaries on body not distinguishable from secondaries, at most a little larger; adfrontals about 1-5 as wide as height of front; clypeal setae separated by a distance not more than \(\frac{1}{3}\) that between the two setae i; iii of labrum close to margin.

  Nymphalidae
- 5. Prolegs with outer hooks (4 scattered ones); segments of abdomen divided into four equal annulets, each bearing a row of larger black setae.

  Libytheinae

Example: L. celtis. (Fig. 37.)

5. Prolegs with the inner row of hooks only; one annulet of each segment broad; the larger black setae, if present, irregularly arranged, or on spines.

go to 6.

6. Front broad and epierania high (as in Papilio) labrum with secondary setae; mentum only 1-4 as wide as stipes.

Example: Inosia plevippus (Fig. 12)

Example: Anosia plexippus (Fig. 12).

6. Front much higher than broad, and usually reaching more than half way to vertex; labrum with very few or no secondary setae; mentum wider.

Labrum with i and ii low down near margin, and notch very shallow; mentum without secondaries; two minute points projecting back from rear of body, but otherwise unarmed.

Example: Cercyonis alope. (Fig. 19).

Labrum normal, with moderate notch, setae all about equal and i and ii far above the level of v and vi; mentum with secondaries (only) one odd one in my specimen of Euphydryas phaeton). Body more generally spined, (or else entirely unarmed, in Anaea). Nymphalinac Examples: Argynnis cybele. Argynnini (Fig. 11). Euphydryas phaeton. Melitacini (Fig. 15).

Euphydryas phacton.
Polygonia interrogationis.
Euvanessa antiopa.
Basilarchia disippus. Nymphalini (Fig. 15).
Vanessini (Fig. 16).
Vanessini (Fig. 17).

Spines very unequal in Basilarchia...

No unpaired spines in Basilarchia, Argynnis.

Two unpaired spines on last segment in Euphydryas.

Two spines to a segment in subventral row in Euphydryas. Hooks of prolegs less regularly arranged in Basilarchia.

Ventral legs with hooks of two lengths only in Euphydryas, of four lengths in Polygonia.

30 hooks in Euphydryas, 50 in Vasessini, 60 in Basilarchia. Clypeus and adf without secondary setae in Basilarchia.

Mentum with most setae in Euvanessa.

Postgena wider in Euvanessa.

Labrum with secondary setae in Argynnis.

#### THE SPECIALIZED MACROFRENATÆ.

Following the Butterflies there comes a series of families which include the larger and better-known moths. These may be divided for convenience into two groups, which perhaps

represent very early-separated lines of descent.

The first group, which seems to be especially associated with a tree habitat, may be roughly defined by the presence of four setae on the outer side of the legplate (the upper one of which will be spoken of in this article as vib), by the usually rather small front and large epicrania, and especially by the hooks of the prolegs, which are alternately of two lengths. The caterpillar very frequently has secondary hair, obscuring the arrangement of the primaries; and the imago shows a very strong tendency to lose the frenulum. (It is minute or wanting in the Saturniidae, Ceratocampidae, Lasiocampidae, Endromidae, Bombycidae, Drepanidae and Lacosomidae, also in a few Sphingidae and Geometridae). Most of the families are small, and the type, except as

107

represented by the Geometridae, seems to be geologically past

its prime.

On the other hand the group typified by the Noetuidae is the dominant modern type of moths. Though they are much more uniform in adult structure, there is a vast number of species, and a surprising variety of larval types. In these families the outer side of the leg-base never has more than the three typical setae of vii unless tufted hair is present. There is never but one length of hooks on the prolegs; the front is usually somewhat larger in proportion. Secondary hair is very rare, occurring only in Thaumetopæa, Panthea and Apatela, and only in some species of the latter. A decided majority of the species live on low plants.

Group I. (with vib, and usually with secondary hair).

This group again can be divided for convenience into two sections, those with and those without secondary hair. includes the Sphingidae, Saturniidae, Bombycidae, Lasiocampidae and related families: the second, the Notodontidae, Thyatiridae, Drepanidae, Geometridae, and Lacosomidae, doubtless

also the Epiplemidae and Dioptidae.

The Notodontidae have been an especially puzzling group. Apatelodes shows no distinct affinity to the others, but is in every traceable way more like the Bombyeidae and Saturniidae. In hairiness it surpasses both, and approaches the Lasiocampidae. The single-haired Notodontidae (such as Cerura and Heterocampa) show seta vib unmistakably. Datana has secondary hair on the body, and in Melalopha it has invaded the head and the tubereles, producing a kind of tufted hair in which the primaries still remain dominant. The distribution of hair on the head is guite different from that of Apatelodes, with which the moth has been associated. In most ways it would seem more natural to derive the series from the Thyatiridae, and consider such genera as Gluphisia and Nadata, primitive. Still the hairy prolegs of Gluphisia\* and Nadata would point toward an origin from the series with secondary hair. In the latter case the primitive Notodontan must have had very nearly the structure of Melalopha, with a recessive tendency to have a seta vib.

. Lacosoma is a synthetic form between the rest of the series and the Microlepidoptera, with positive relations to both, as will be discussed under the heading of its family.

<sup>\*</sup> See Packard's figure, Monog, Bombyc, I. Pl. Fig.

# SPHINGIDAE.

Minute secondary hair on epicrania, front, adfrontals, maxillae, labium and body; none on clypeus, labrum, mandibles, or distal parts of maxillæ and labium; primary hairs iii and iv of abdomen usually distinct (directly above and below the spiracle), i, ii and iii of epicrania also sometimes distinct, never with tufted hair or branching spines. Epicrania large, extending more than the height of the front above its top, usually much more. ii of adfrontals about at their middle (they are usually the lowest setae the adfrontals bear); labrum with vi decidedly more distant from the margin than v, iii and iv not very close together; mandible with one seta far out near tip of scrobe; mentum very wide at base, without distinct submenta; prolegs with a single band of hooks alternately of two lengths, the anal prolegs the largest; caudal horn present except in Ellema.

Seshnae: Primaries i, ii and iii of epicrania easily recognized by their enlarged punctures; lower ocellus rather farther than usual from the others; front wider than high, its width nearly half as great as height of head; adfrontals very narrow and with very irregular outer margin; clypeus very narrow, the setae close together, separated by only about 1-7 the distance between the two setae i; head setae black and conspicuous under a lens; labrum with setae i and ii in a straight line, iii farther from the margin than iv, vi distant from the margin only about 1-6 of height of labrum, notch shallow; two conical

spines on anal plate.\*

Example Pseudosphinx tetrio, Figs. 47 and 50.

(The remaining subfamilies have primaries of epicrania rarely distinct, front usually higher than wide, adfrontals wider, clypeus usually wider, especially at the two ends, with the setae of each pair farther apart, head setæ colorless, labrum with setæ i and ii out of line, iii often as near the margin as iv, vi usually much higher, and the

notch much deeper, anal plate unarmed).

ACHERONTHNAE (Sphingicae only were examined). Head higher than wide, rather regularly rounded, or moderately tapering toward the vertex, a large number of very minute setæ on the epicrania, averaging eight or ten in a portion of the epicrania the size of the front, arising from depressions on the surface, front with very sinuous margins, labrum deeply notched; skin usually smooth in last stage; horn always normal.

Body rough and granular, four short soft horns on thorax; two oblique lines of granules on each segment besides the mid-dorsal line; labrum with v distant from margin; mandible with teeth less distinct than usual in the family; posterior ocellus rather high, front only 1-3 height of head and with exceptionally sinuous outer margin; head distinctly tapering toward vertex, widest near base. Example Ceratomia amyntor Figs. 45 and 49.

Widest point of head about halfway up; front proportionately very wide toward the apex. Horn at the middle about as thick as at base. Posterior ocellus a little lower; front about two-fifths height of head.

Example Sphinx gordius.

<sup>\*</sup> Hemaris is less aberrant.

Head decidedly tapering upward, upper part of front narrow, horn tapering regularly; otherwise about as in Sphinx.

Example Dolba hylaeus Figs. 39–41.

Labrum much less deeply notched, head intermediate between that of gordius and hylaeus; front hardly more sinuous than in Deilephila. Horn strongly curved and regularly tapering.

Examples Phlegethontius celeus. P. sexta. Fig. 51.

Ambulicinae: Head much higher than wide and tapering much to the vertex; epicrania with only three or four setae in an area the size of the front, set on decided tubercles; front with margins sinuous as in the preceding subfamily, quite small proportionately; Labrum very deeply notched. Skin rough, horn always conical, variable in size.

## Example Paonias myops Figs. 42-44.

PHILAMPELINAE: Head squarish; front small in proportion to head, and higher than wide; with much straighter margins than in the preceding groups; posterior ocellus low, as near to lower ocellus as to the fourth one; labrum deeply notched; a subspiracular ridge on the anterior segments, disturbing the incisure between thorax and abdomen; skin always smooth, horn variable.

Head wider than high, third ocellus much enlarged; caudal horn shorter than height of head; supraanal plate nearly an equilateral triangle, and acute at tip.

Example Amphion nessus. Figs. 48 and 53.

Head higher than wide, with the sides nearly parallel; third ocellus much enlarged, caudal horn nearly normal; supraanal plate as narrow as in the last, but with the tip rounded off.

Example Darapsa myron.

Head higher than wide, the sides converging somewhat toward the vertex, caudal horn replaced by a low button; supraanal plate broad and rounded.

Example Pholus pandorus.

CHEROCAMPINÆ: Head decidedly wider than high, the upper part nearly spherical; epicranial seta ii distinct; posterior ocellus high, half farther from lower than from fourth ocellus; front wider than high, its width equal to about half height of head, its margins nearly straight, as in the last subfamily; clypeus quite narrow with the setae close together as in the Sesiinae; labrum with notch shallow; i and ii nearly in a straight line; iii farther from the margin than iv; vi not very far from the margin. This comes nearer than any of the others to Pseudosphinx.

Example Deilephila gallii Figs. 46 and 52.

#### APATELODES.

Secondary hair on epicrania, front, adfrontals, mandibles, maxillae, labium and body, but not on distal parts of maxillae and labium or on clypeus or labrum; tufted hair also on body. Front rather large, the epicrania extending about its height above it, labrum with setae vi quite distant from margin, iii and v also not marginal. Secondary setae of labium arranged in two diverging rows. Setae ai of labium close together. Prolegs with hooks in a single band, alternately of

two lengths. No caudal horn. Frontal punctures close together, but the setae i are also close together. Mentum somewhat wider at the base than one of the submenta.

It may be distinguished from the Saturniidae by the much denser hair on the maxillae, the larger front and the fact that setae a i of the labium are much closer together. This genus is entirely isolated in the North American fauna, it is perhaps most often placed with the exotic family Eupteretidae.

Examples A. torrefacta Figs. 54, 55 and 56. A. angelica.

## LASIOCAMPIDAE.

Very dense secondary hair on all parts except the tips of the palpi, even on the antennae; tufts also present (i, iii, iv and vii), but reduced: front rather small, the punctures close together, and the primary setae rather close together; adfrontals enlarged opposite top of front, with the setae close together. Prolegs with hooks alternately of two lengths in a single row.

Second joint of antenna three times as long as wide. Labrum with most of the secondary hair toward the tip of the lobes; prolegs spread laterally; a low tubercle in place of caudal horn; lappets on legless segments simulating the legs, also on first segment each side of the head.

Example Artace punctistriga?.

Second joint of antenna twice as long as wide, labrum with most of the secondary hair in the neighborhood of setae i and ii; no lappets or tubercles, prolegs normally placed.

Examples Malacosoma americana. M. disstria (Figs. 59 and 60).

#### SATURNIINA.

Secondary hair on epicrania, front and body, and sometimes on adfrontals, mandibles, maxillae, and labium; tubercles, at least in part with tufted hair; tubercles ii of either eighth or ninth abdominal segments fused across the middle line (that of the eighth would be the caudal horn), except in Saturnia; mentum wide, its base wider than one of the submenta; prolegs with hooks alternately of two lengths, in a single band; setae ai of labium far apart; punctures of front far apart, with reference to the setæ, but close together in comparison to the width of the front.

CERATOCAMPIDAE: Tubercles ii of ninth abdominal segment fused.

Adfrontals, maxillæ and labium without secondary hair; front as wide as high and head wide;  $\vec{u}$  of adfrontals about 2-5 up the front; clypeal setæ close together; secondary hair of body minute; armed with many long horns.

Example Citheronia. Fig. 63.

Maxillæ with secondary hair but none on adfrontals; front wider than high, ii of adfrontals only 1-3 way up it; clypeal setae close together; head as wide as high; secondary hair of body long.

Example Basilona. Figs. 61 and 65.

Maxillae, adfrontals and labium with secondary hair; head and front both higher than wide; adfrontals wider; both v and vi of labrum distant from margin; secondary hair of body minute.

Example Anisota. Figs. 62 and 64.5

SATURNIIDAE: Tubercles of ninth abdominal segment separate.

Labrum notched about half its depth; adfrontals without secondary hair, the puncture very close to the upper seta; secondary hair of labium in two parallel rows, (as in Apatelodes) secondary hair also on maxilla, but not on labrum or mandible; maxillary lobes well developed, decidedly longer than broad.

Hyperchiria io. Figs. 66 to 68.

Labium with not more than one or two secondaries; mandible with secondary hair; maxillary lobes minute; labrum cleft two thirds its width or more; adfrontals with several secondary hairs.

Labrum with secondary hairs; warts of body larger, several

haired.

Example Telea polyphemus. Fig. 69 and 70.

Labrum and warts with primary hair, warts smaller.

Example Tropaea luna. Figs. 71 and 72.

(The labrum in this figure is aberrant).

Gynanisa isis agrees structurally with this family.

## ENDROMIDAE.

With secondary hair on epicrania, front, maxillae and body, but none on adfrontals, clypeus, labrum, mandible, labium, etc.; hair minute. Epicrania large and front small, higher than wide, punctures of front far apart and lower than setae; labrum deeply notched, seta vi a short distance from the margin, iii, iv and v close to the margin; mentum not very wide, about as wide at the base as one of the submenta; upper ocellus minute; prolegs with hooks in a single row, alternately of two lengths, anal legs larger than the ventrals. There are no North American species of this family.

Example Endromis versicolor. Fig. 57.

#### BOMBYCIDAE.

With secondary hair on epierania, front, and body, and with one each (in the specimen before me) on adfrontals and maxillae, hair minute, but denser and longer than in Endromis. Tufted hair represented in adult by a single rudimentary tuft in the subventral region. Punctures, etc., about as in the Sphingidae and Saturnoidea; setae ai of labium moderately far apart, but not so far as in Saturniina. Basal joint (the one fused to the maxilla) of maxillary palp unusually broad. Prolegs with a single row of hooks, alternately of two lengths. Caudal horn present. There are no North American Species of this family.

Example Bombyx mori. Fig. 58.

#### NOTODONTIDAE.

Head with secondary hair, only in Melalopha; body with or without general secondary hair, but always with it on the prolegs; seta vib-distinct unless covered by secondary hair; epierania with setae ii well above the top of the front; submenta large and nearly meeting; frontal punctures farther apart than in most Noctuidae, often close to the setæ, front small, the head extending twice its height above its top; prolegs with hooks in a single band, not alternately of two lengths; anal prolegs reduced or modified, with fewer hooks; primary setæ distinct, arranged as in the Noctuidae, often on enlarged tubercles. For superficial structural characters in this family see Packard's Monograph of the Bombycine Moths, Part I.

MELALOPHINAE: With dense secondary hair on epicrania, front, adfrontals and body, also on the tubercles, but not obscuring the primary hair; notch of labrum shallow, the setae i and ii not far out of a straight line; anal legs moderately reduced.

Example Melalopha apicalis. Figs. 76 and 83.

Pygerinae: Head without secondary hair; dense secondary hair on body, usually not obscuring the primary hair; epicranial setae ii three times as far apart as i; anal legs are rudimentary stemapods, with one or two retracted hooks, labrum small proportionately.

Examples Datana ministra. Fig. 78. D. integerrima. Fig. 73.

NOTOPONTINAE: Without secondary hair except on prolegs; anal legs well developed in one form or another (in the species studied fairly normal), with hair about as on the other legs; epicranial setae ii very high up; and little if any farther apart than i; anal dungforks not developed.

Labrum half as high as wide, eleft about half its height. Frontal punctures close to sette

Examples Schizura concinna. Fig. 74.

S. badia. S. unicornis.

Labrum very high and deeply cleft; frontal punctures about trisecting the space between the setae; anal legs rather more reduced.

Example Nadata gibbosa.

Labrum and frontal punctures similar; anal legs very little reduced. Example Lophodonta.

Frontal punctures close to setae: anal legs a little longer and more conical.

Example Heterocampa guttivitta. Figs. 80 to 82.

CERURINAE: Anal legs modified into stemapoda without hooks and with a retractile lash, with many setae; no secondary hair except on the stemapoda and prolegs; epicranial setae ii intermediate in position; anal dung-forks strongly developed. Labrum moderately notched.

Example Cerura. Figs. 75 and 77.

# Family Thyatiridae.

Prolegs with a band of inner hooks, alternately of two lengths, and with a few minute outer hooks; anal legs slightly reduced; vib present but without other subprimaries; epicrania decidedly wider than high, front small; adfrontals wide, with ii low down, frontal punctures elose; labrum with vi slightly up from margin, and very deeply notched. Mentum rather short, but submenta nearly meet in the middle line.

Head about a fourth wider than high; a slight hump on segment A8; body with a regular pattern of marks. Example Habrosyne derasa.

Head about half wider than high; body entirely lacking any hump, and entirely without marks, setae less distinct than in Habrosyne. Example Bombycia or. Fig. 88.

# Family Drepanidae.

Prolegs with a band of inner hooks, alternately of two lengths, and with a short band of rudimentary outer hooks; no anal legs; a subprimary hair near *iii*, and from two to four in a longitudinal line between *iv* and *v*, and *vii* (*vib*): head sometimes with subprimaries, but without secondary hair; epicrania high, and head higher than wide; supraanal plate with a median horn bearing two setae at its tip; adfrontals high with *ii* near top of front; mentum short and broad, but apparently with the submenta nearly meeting; labrum with *vi* a little distance from the margin.

Three or four subprimaries on head, four setae represent rib; granulations long and setitorm, giving an appearance of fine secondary hair; subdorsal tubercles large, and present on meso- and metathorax (ib), and on segment 2 of abdomen (ii); labral notch somewhat shallower.

Examples Drepana falcataria.
D. arcuata. Figs. 89 to 92.

Less subprimaries on head, two setae represent rib on abdomen; granulations minute and conical; subdorsal enlarged tubercles smaller on thorax, and wanting on abdomen. Labral notch very deep. Example Cilix glaucata.

## GEOMETRIDAE.

No secondary hair, except occasionally on prolegs; at least one subprimary subventrally, often several; prolegs with hooks usually alternately of two lengths, the series often interrupted in the middle; (see Fig. 87). Epicrania full and rounded, or with the region of seta i produced into an angle; front large, the punctures rather closer together than the distance between a puncture and the corresponding seta; adfrontals narrow over the top of the front; clypeus and labrum normal; mandibles usually rather thin, with sharp teeth and setae close together; maxillae and labium normal, of about equal width, the mentum at the base decidedly narrower than one of the submenta.

The number of secondary setae on the proleg varies; in Cosymbia only the subprimary vib is present; in Alsophila and an unidentified species there is a large number; in Brephos, Hydria, Aplodes, Zerene, etc., the number is intermediate, usually one besides vib. Alsophila and Brephos, which have additional rudimentary prolegs, have no additional setae on them.

The planta of the Geometridae seems to be developed as a sucker on both ventral and anal prolegs and in several species the hooks in the center of the line are rudimentary to give it room. Such are Alsophila, Zerene, etc.

The ventral proleg varies in position with reference to its segments. In Brephos it is directly below its segment, in Alsophila below the incisure between its segment and the next one behind; in Aplodes, Synchlora, Zerene, Ennomos, etc., it has shifted back almost beneath the following segment.

Examples Brephinae Brephos nothum Hydriomeninae Alsophila pometaria

Sterrhinae Hydria undulata
Cosymbia lumenaria
Aplodes sp.

Geometrinae Aplodes sp.
Synchlora aerata

Ennominae Fidonia truncataria?

Zerene catenaria. Fig. 87.

Lycia cognataria? Figs. 84 to 86.

and several other species unidentified.

# Family LACOSOMIDAE.

Prolegs with a complete circle of hooks, alternately of two lengths; body with four setae representing vii (the fourth one being probably vib) but otherwise without subprimaries; iv and v approximate below the spiracle, and on a level; all the setae clubbed; head Macro in its type of appearance; higher than wide; front rather high and extending half way to vertex; anal legs with a practically complete circle of hooks; labium with high narrow mentum, and rather small submenta, not meeting.

Example Lacosoma chiridota, halfgrown. Figs. 93, 94 and 95

## THAUMETOPOEIDAE.

Secondary hair on epicrania, front, adfrontals, mandibles, maxillae and labium, but not on elypeus or labrum. Front small; setae moderate, the punctures trisecting the space between the primaries; as wide as high, adfrontals narrow; labrum with a very shallow cleft, iii and iv distant, vi a very short distance from the margin. Prolegs with hooks all of the same length, in a single band, the anal prolegs with the same number of hooks (18) as the ventrals. Body with tufted hair, the tufts ii, iii, iv, and vi, as well as vii and viii of the legless segments, being distinct, the secondary hair is in two transverse bands. Tuft i is of short dense hair, making the caterpillar look like a Lymantriid. There are no eversible glands. True legs with very deeply and curiously cleft claws. The family is not American.

These characters suggest very strongly the Lymantriidae, especially Euproctis, without allowing one to deny that they may be due to divergence from a more primitive Notodontan origin. Staudinger and Rebel place it between the two families, which come together in their

arrangement. It is usually considered Notodontid.

Example Thaumetopoea (of Europe). Figs. 96 and 97.

#### LYMANTRHDAE.

With secondary hair on epicrania, adfrontals, maxillæ and labium, and sometimes on front, none on labrum, mandibles, etc.; front rather large, somewhat higher than wide, the punctures close together, the setae, when not obscured by secondaries, very high up and far apart; labrum quite variable; maxillæ and labium much as in the Noctuidae in form. Prolegs with a single band of hooks of a single length, the ventrals and anals equal. Body with tufted, but no secondary hair; wart *i* quite variable and furnishing generic characters, viii somewhat diffuse, as if there were a little secondary hair associated with it. Claws of true legs moderately cleft as in most Lepidoptera (similar to Fig. 101). Dorsal glands on 6th and 7th abdominal segments.

1. Labrum more deeply notched, one third its height or more, seta vi not on the margin, adfrontals enlarged at the top, with a tuft of secondary seta; front and upper part of epicrania without secondaries.

2. Labrum cleft about half its height, setæ i and ii far out of line with each other; body with tufts i small, and ii moderate, both normal. Example Porthetria dispar.

2. Labrum cleft about a third its height; setae ii only moderately out of line with i; body with tufts i and ii of four abdominal segments fused into large square masses.

Example Hemerocampa leucostigma. Fig. 98.

1. Labrum less deeply notched, vi nearly marginal; adfrontals slender, their secondary setæ inconspicuous; front with secondaries, especially in the lower part; epicrania with a good deal of hair above setae ii warts i and ii of the first abdominal segments fused to each other, but not fused across the median line.

Example Euproctis chrysorrhea. Fig. 99.

## NOCTUIDAE.

Prolegs with hooks in a single band, not alternately of two lengths. Usually without secondary or tufted hair, but both are present on the body in Pantheinae and Acronyctini; head with secondary hair on the epicrania, maxillae and labium in the Pantheinae only. Front large, more than a third of the height of the head above the clypeus, the frontal punctures usually close together, never nearer to the setae than to each other; labrum with puncture ia considerably nearer to i then to ii, not very high up; adfrontal puncture rarely more than twice as close to upper as to lower seta; maxillae and labium of about equal width; the submentum at least as wide as the base of the mentum, the labial setae ai close together. Setæ of abdomen all well separated, i somewhat higher than ii, iv higher than v, vi always single and vii with three setae except in forms with tufted hair; no caudal horn. those with tufted hair there are four warts on thorax above the legs, on abdomen three above and two below the spiracle, besides vii and viii. Never with eversible dorsal glands; anal legs with more hooks than ventrals, one or two pairs of ventral legs often reduced or absent. but never three.

Pantheinae: Epicrania, maxillae and labium with considerable secondary hair; adfrontals wide above the top of the front, the puncture about half way between the setae, and above the top of the front. Body with tufts and pencils, with secondary hair also, in Panthea.

Example Demas coryli. Figs. 100 and 101.

NOCTUINAE: Head without secondary hair, body occasionally with tufted and secondary hair, or tufted hair only. Adfrontal puncture below the top of the front, and adfrontals rarely much widened at the top (Apatela interrupta); anal legs directed downwards and not lengthened; setae usually short except in hairy forms, distance between upper adfrontal setae less than half height of front; distance between frontal punctures not less than a third that between seta and puncture.

In this group of Noctuinae (or Trifidae) there is a good deal of minor variation between different genera, and even species of the same genus, but my series of forms, though larger than of any other family so poorly represents this enormous group that I shall only characterize the two tribes *Acronyctini* and *Cuculliini* (Cucullianae of Hampson) and mention a few peculiarities of some other genera.\*

<sup>\*</sup> I have done nothing whatever with the body setae. Dyar discusses seta iv in Proc. Ent. Soc. Wash, IV, 370 and Pird, in Can. Ent. Vols. 32-34, 39, 40 refers often to variations in the tubercle of the genus Papaipema. See also my 'Field Tables,' page 140.

Acronyctini: with several-haired warts and often with secondary hair; with fine setiform granulations, with which there may be mixed larger conical ones. Epicrania high, extending over 1 1-3 times the height of the front above its top; adfrontals very wide, the upper setae far apart and high above the top of the front; clypeal setae closer together than the frontal seta and puncture; i and ia of labrum separated by a distance less than the width of a setigerous puncture; last joint of maxillary pulpus short.

With secondary hair; labrum more deeply notched, iii and iv of labrum well separated, head dark, front about as wide as high, setae i and ii of labrum form an angle of about 60 degrees with the horizontal. Adfrontals

not especially wide at the top of the front.

Examples A. (Hyboma) hasta. Fig. 103.

A. (Triaena) hastulifera. Fig. 102.

Similar; adfrontals with an enlargement at the top of the front, which contains the setae and puncture; labral notch not so deep. Example A. (Triaena) occidentalis (interrupta).

Figs. 1, 12 and 26.

Similar; head pale, labral notch shallower; front narrow; adfrontals unusually high and yet narrow; clypeal setae closer together; setae i and ii in a line only 30 degrees from the horizontal; ia distant from i. Example A. (Acronycta) leporina. Fig. 105.

No secondary hair, labrum deeply notched; head black; front narrow; iii and iv of labrum obliquely placed, separated by only half the vertical distance that separates i and ii horizontally.

Example A. (Eulonche) oblinita. Fig. 104.

No secondary hair; labrum notched only 1-4 its height; front wide. Example Simyra (Arsilonche) henrici. Fig. 106.

In the remaining forms there is no tufted or secondary hair; there are no fine setiform granulations, though there may be coarse ones; the front is larger in proportion to the epicrania and to the adfrontals; the adfrontal setae are closer to the front and to each other; i and ia of labrum are more widely separated.

Cuculliini Clypeal setae closer together than the distance between frontal seta and puncture, epicrania not reduced, labral setae about

evenly spaced.

Adfrontals i level with top of front; clypeal setae much closer together than frontal seta and puncture; labral setae i and ii quite evenly spaced; front as wide as high; adfrontals narrower; setæ of labial palpi long.

Example Cucullia sp. (undescribed). Fig. 110.

Adfrontal setae i higher, clypeal setae farther apart; labral setae distinctly arranged in pairs; front narrow, adfrontals wider; setae of labial palpi minute.

Example Scopelosoma sp. Adfrontals i high, clypeal setae much closer together than frontal seta and puncture; labral setae i and ii distinctly arranged in pairs; front distinctly higher than wide; setae of palp intermediate.

Example Calocampa curvimacula.

Earias chlorana (of Europe) is made the type of a subfamily or Claw very deeply notched; second joint of placed with Nycteola. antenna short, tubercles ii of 8th abdominal segment enlarged, and also ib of thorax; ii of epicrania directly below i and close to edge of adfrontals (as in some Micros) front a nearly equilateral triangle, adfrontals quite broad, and rather ill-defined; upper ocellus behind second instead of being above it. Fig. 112.

Rhodophora. Skin coarse and granular (Fig. 138), the coarser granules much more prominent than in Feltia; frontal punctures trisecting the space between the setae; punctures of adfrontals half way between the setae; labrum hardly notched, with setae i and ii in a straight line. The granular skin occurs also in Heliothis.

Nectua Labrum with setae iii and iv on a level, prolegs with 40

hooks. (c-nigrum and other unidentified species.)

Feltia. Coarse nodular granulations; first prolegs reduced to half their normal number of hooks and second prolegs slightly reduced; epicrania very low, in the last stage the adfrontals reach the vertex in a way similar to Zygaena. (Three stages). Fig. 108.

Prolegs with only 10 crotchets; epicrania very short, adfrontal punctures half way between the setae. An unidentified species, agreeing with Slingerland's description of Euxoa scandens. Fig. 109.

Hadena (Trachea) turbulenta. Outer margin of front very sinuous.

Fig. 107.

In Pyrophila pyramidoides, Ceramica picta and two species of Leucania, there were no decided characters. The epicrania were a

little larger than in the preceding genera.

NYCTEOLINAE: Considered the type of a distinct family by some. Epicrania extending above top of front 1 1-2 times its height; *ep. ii* nearly twice as close together as *i*, yet distant from the adfrontals; labial palpi long and slender; adfrontals broad and ill defined outwardly; ocelli small, the distance between two ocelli being much more than the width of an ocellus. Body-hair long and fine.

Example Nycteola revayana. Fig. 111.

CATOCALINAE: Like the Noctuinae, but with the anal legs lengthened, or produced backward; head sometimes held horizontally; never with tufted or secondary hair.

Hind legs not lengthened; prolegs with about 25 hooks; setae *i* and *ii* of labrum at an angle of 30 degrees to the horizontal, *iii* and *iv* obliquely placed and close; epicranial setae *ii* low opposite *adf. i* and distant from *ep. i.* 

Example **Ingura** sp.

Anal legs somewhat lengthened, prolegs with about 25 hooks; setae i and ii of labrum nearly on a level; iv higher than iii; the two upper ocelli in contact; ep. i and ii close together near vertex; epicrania extending less than its height above its top.

Example Drasteria erechtea. D. crassiuscula.

Anal legs very long and produced backward, head held horizontally; 45 hooks on prolegs; labrum with setae i and ii nearly on a level, iii and iv close, iii directly above iv; frontal punctures less than twice as close to each other as to the setae; notch of labrum rather shallow; clypeal setae much farther apart than frontal seta and puncture; ep. i and ii close together on the face. (The conical hump of C. cara lines between them.) Example Catocala cara. Figs. 2 and 3.

Anal legs very long; prolegs with over 50 hooks; labrum with setae i and ii at an angle of over 45 degrees; iii and iv distant, frontal punctures decidedly closer together, frontal setae high up; labrum deeply notched; cp, i and ii close together near vertex.

Example Panapoda rufimargo.

HYPENINAE (Deltoides); Setae long and stout, both on head and body; distance between adfrontal setae *i* more than half height of front, and they are also high up; distance between frontal punctures hardly more than 1-4 that between puncture and seta; front small, its setae usually high.

Slender, green, a semilooper with only 14 legs, and legs produced backward as in Catocala.

Example Hypena humuli.

## ARCTHDAE.

Head usually with sparse secondary hair on epicrania, front and maxillae, often also on labium; none on clypeus, labrum, mandibles antennae, etc., or body, rarely on adfrontals (Apantesis). Epicrania rounded, front large, with the punctures about as far apart as the distance between a puncture and a seta; labrum normal, vi nearly marginal, puncture usually very high up, and more nearly over ii than i: adfrontals usually very narrow and irregular, with the puncture close to the upper seta. Maxillae usually somewhat narrower than labium, the base of the mentum about twice as wide as one of the submenta. Body without secondary, but with tufted hair; four warts above legs on thorax, and three above spiracle on abdomen,—all the tubercles below the spiracles developed as separate warts.

LITHOSHNAE: Head without secondary hair, adfrontal puncture elose to upper seta; hair not feathered; no pencils or dense dorsal tufts; adfrontals very narrow and wavy-edged; thorax with the two upper warts side by side as on the abdomen. Frontal punctures twice as

close together as distance between puncture and seta.

# Example Lithosia complana.

ARCTHNAE: Head with secondary hair (except Euchaetias, in which the adfrontals are quite wide); hair serrate or feathered on body; often with dense pencils and dense dorsal tufts; warts of thorax all in a vertical line. Punctures of front nearly trisecting the distance between the setae.

Adfrontal punctures about a third way down from upper seta, adfrontals broader; warts i and i of abdomen transversely elongate and side by side, bearing dense tufts; with pencils of hair, hair very feathery. Labrum with puncture rather near to setae as in the Noctuidae (When young the puncture is a little nearer to the normal Arctid position). Frontal punctures decidedly below the level of the setae.

Examples Halesidota caryae. Figs. 119 and 120.

H. maculata. H. tessellaris.

Adfrontal puncture near upper seta; adfrontals, warts and hair suggesting Halesidota; head without secondaries (when very young the warts are as in normal Arctiidae, rather than as in Halesidota). Frontal setae and punctures on a level.

Example Euchaetias egle. Figs. 117 and 118.

In the remaining genera the hair is serrate rather than feathery, without dense tufts or pencils; puncture ia of the labrum at least as far from i as ii is; epicrania and maxillae, at least, with secondary hair. Frontal setae and punctures nearly on a level.

Front, labium and maxillae each with several secondaries; an anal tuft of long hair.

Example Eubaphe nigricans.

Front with several secondaries: maxillae with about ten secondaries, labium with a single pair; some scattered long hair. Example **Hyphantria textor.** 

Front, adfrontals, and maxillae each with several secondaries, labium without any; adfrontal punctures about a third way down from the setae; no long hair.

Example Apantesis parthenice (?) young. Figs. 113 and 116.

Front without secondaries, labium with a single pair, maxillae with about six. Frontal puncture and seta closer together than clypeal

Example Diacrisia virginica.

Front with or without secondaries (at most a single pair); maxillae with five secondaries, labium with none; clypeal setae as in the last; no scattered longer hairs.

Example Isia isabella. Figs. 114 and 121.

Front without secondaries, stipes with six or seven; clypeal setae nearer together than frontal seta and puncture. Example Estigmene acraea.

#### SYNTOMIDAE.

Prolegs with hooks in a single band, all of the same length. Head with secondary hair on epicrania, front, maxillae and labium, but not on adfrontals, clypeus, labrum, mandibles, etc.; body with tufted hair. Front quite small, the epicrania extending fully twice its height above its top; frontal setae rather close together; adfrontal setae and puncture close together, the puncture almost as near the lower as the upper seta. Labrum with puncture ia decidedly nearer i than ii; labium short and broad, the submenta separated by more than their width at the base. Thorax with only three tufts above the legs, the upper one twice as large as normal and elongate; abdomen with tufts as in the Arctiidae, i forming pencils.

Example Ctenucha virginica. Fig. 122.

## Zygaenina.

Head retracted within the first segment of the body; epicrania with setae reduced; the vertex cleft nearly to the top of the front, or with the cervical skin attached to the epicrania along a similar line; front triangular, about as high as wide, the adfrontals narrow and not extending much above it; frontal punctures about trisecting the distance between the setae, a little farther apart in Zygaenidae; clypeus with setae rather far apart, labrum with i no higher than ii; mandible with setae close together; maxilla with seta iv distinctly arising from the galea, submenta about as wide as base of mentum, or membranous and indistinct; sclerite b of labium broad and massive as in the butterflies. Body with iv and v approximated, or forming the same wart, i and ii separate or forming the same wart; with tufted or secondary hair,

or with primary hair only, when there is tufted hair there are only two warts on the abdomen above the spiracle. Prolegs with hooks not alternately of the two lengths, or without prolegs.

HETEROGYNIDAE: With primary hair only; prolegs with a single normal band of hooks; head black and heavily chitinized; epicrania with a deep cleft at the vertex; front with the punctures decidedly nearer the corresponding setae, than to each other; labrum with ii strong, and no higher than i: antenna normal; body with i and ii well-separated, iv and v approximated, two setae on a level, in the position of vi, but one on the outer side of the proleg, and two on the inner side. It seems clear that the anterior seta on the inner side of the proleg belongs to vii, but more doubtful whether the additional seta in the position of vi is the other missing one.

Example Heterogynis paradoxa.

ZYGAENIDAE: Head as in the preceding, seta ii of the labrum decidedly higher than i, but fully developed; body with somewhat diffuse tufts of hair, representing, i+ii, iii, iv+v, vi, and two tufts representing vii; viii single-haired; hair serrate, but not feathery.

Example Zygaena trifolii.

MEGALOPYGIDAE: Head pale, and lightly chitinized, submenta membranous; epicrania with the cleft in the vertex filled up, apparently by the growing together of its edges; their setae rudimentary; labrum with ii higher than in Zygaenidae, much smaller than i, none of the setae marginal; frontal punctures rather nearer to each other than to the corresponding setae; antenna with first joint about as long as second, second less than twice as long as wide and without any long seta. Body with tufts as in Zygaenidae, but in addition with two isolated setae on a hump, near the tip of the prolegs. The row of hooks on the ventral prolegs is angulate in the middle and the shortest hooks come next to the angle. viii is opposite the apex of the angle. Second and seventh abdominal segments with rudimentary prolegs, on which the setae are arranged as on the normal ones, but without any hooks.

Example Lagoa crispata. Figs 123, 124, 125, 126 and 135.

EUCLEIDAE: Mostly like the preceding family. Hair more or less reduced, diffuse, modified into branching spines, or absent;\* without prolegs, and without setae on the ventral part of the body; with a row of ventral suckers.

Examples Cnidocampa flavescens. Empretia stimulea. Euclea delphinii.

#### NOLIDAE.

With tufted, but no secondary hair. Epicrania, front and clypeus as in the Eucleidae, but with normally developed setae. Labrum with setae normal, i lying between setae ii, and nearly on

<sup>\*</sup> See Dyar, Journ. N. Y. Ent. Soc., vols. iii to vii for details of structure of the various species.

a level with them; basal joint of antenna nearly as long as second joint, which is short, submenta heavily chitinized and well separated. Body with tufts representing i+ii, iii, iv+v, vi, vii, and viii, with only two, therefore, above the spiracles, while there are three in the Arctiid types. Prolegs with a single uninterrupted row of hooks, all of the same length; no prolegs on third segment of abdomen.

Example Nola cucullatella.

## PSYCHIDAE.

Prolegs with hooks all the same length, in a circle broken posteromesally; anal legs similar to the others. Adfrontals massive, their setae well separated, not reaching far above the top of front; ii of epicrania close to them; frontal setae far apart, punctures close together and somewhat lower; antennae normal with short second joint; prothoracic spiracle piercing the cervical shield; labrum with vi not on the margin. Mera of true legs much enlarged and nearly or quite meeting in the middle line; all segments of the thorax with dorsal plates. Body with setae i and ii variable, iv and v close together, vii variable, ii of ninth abdominal segment distant from each other.

Solenobiinae: True legs very long, and slender; front twice as high as wide; abdomen with ii lower than i, normal; prolegs with about

15 hooks.

## Example Solenobia pineti.

PSYCHINAE: True legs short and very stout; front shorter; abdomen with ii higher than i; prolegs with over 20 hooks.

Front nearly as wide as high; ii of abdomen almost directly over i; Example **Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis.** Figs. 128 and 134. Front half higher than wide; ii of abdomen on the next annulet behind i.

Example Psyche zelleri. Fig. 127.

#### COSSIDAE.

Prolegs with hooks in an uninterrupted circle, alternately of three lengths, but with no great difference between the three lengths; the anal legs with hooks in a curved band. No secondary or tufted hair. Epicrania separated by a membranous area at the vertex, a slender prolongation of the adfrontals reaching the vertex; head not retractile. Front higher than wide; the setae far apart and the punctures close together, level with the setae. Adfrontals large, reaching vertex, the setae rather close together, opposite the upper half of the front. Labrum with a shallow notch, i, ii, iii, and iv nearly on a level, none of the setae quite on the margin; mandibles extend forward with the cutting edge turned upward for gnawing wood. Maxillary palpi with second joint very wide and massive, bearing the large cones, which turn inward as in the Hepialidae; the galea arises from its apex as in other Frenatae, and is quite small. Labium normal with sclerites b massive, and c slender; palpi rather short; submenta not in contact. Prothoracic spiracle distant from cervical shield; body with setae as in

the Tortricidae; but on a9 the tubereles ii are not fused across the middle line.

In the structure of its lower lip this family is very different from the Tortricidae, and may be the most primitive of the Frenatae.

Example Cossus cossus (three stages). Figs. 129, 130 and 131

# ÆGERHDAE (SESHDAE).

No secondary hair; prolegs with hooks in two curved transverse lines, all of the same length, anals rudimentary, with few hooks. Epicrania low, with ii rather near the adfrontals, adfrontals practically reaching vertex, their setae close together near the middle, puncture opposite upper seta; front high and lanceolate, setae high, punctures low and not very close together; elypeal setae well separated. Labrum normal; maxillae with large cones part way down the inner side as in Hepialus, but galea arising from second joint of palpus as in Frenatae. Basal joint of antennae massive. Body with iv and v fused, vii is a vertical row of three setae, the middle one the longest. Last spiracles dorsal and higher than iii; setae ii of A9 separate.

Example Melittia cucurbitae. Fig. 132.

## MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

As my series of Microlepidoptera is quite short, it does not seem best to discuss the families separately.

Setae ii of the epicrania are usually rather close to the adfrontals, as in Argyresthia, but often somewhat more distant. They are never as far away as in the Bombycid series. The front is usually much higher than wide, often twice as high, but in Endrosis it is not, and in the Pyralida there are various intermediate conditions. When the front is high, the adfrontals nearly or quite reach the vertex, but when it is lower the adfrontals may merely border it, as in most Macrolepidoptera. The frontal setae are often far apart, close to the outer edge, as in Depressaria and Homocosoma, or they may be closer together, but are never very close, as in the Bombycid series and Zygaenina. In the lower forms the punctures trisect the distance between them, but in the Tortricidae, Pyralidae, Depressaria, Simaethis, etc., they are much closer together, and lower, as in the Noctuidae. The adfrontal setae are very close together in Gracilaria, but often are not so. The puncture is apt to be about half way between the setae. The labrum is usually not very deeply notched, its setae i and ii nearly on a level.

The antennae are normal, but often with a seta on the side of the second joint, as in Yponomeuta and Cacoccia, figured. Yponomeuta is very aberrant in the proportions of the joints. The maxillae and labium are rather long, with the sclerites tending to be well-developed, the maxilla with stipes, palpifer and subgalea sometimes separately chitinized, the submenta not widely separated, or even in contact, (Fig. 137). Setae of mentum rather nearer the base than is typical of the Macrolepidoptera.

There is never secondary hair on the head, and secondary and

tufted hair on the body only in the Pterophoridae.

Thorax with cervical shield well developed—in the lower forms with additional sclerites ventrally and laterally, which reach their greatest development in *Adela* (Fig. 6). The true legs are absent in *Nepticula*, replaced by patches of enlarged granulations similar to those representing the prolegs.

Abdomen usually with anal plate only, but with two dorsal and two ventral plates on each segment in *Incurvaria*. Setae *i* and *ii* well separated except in the Pterophoridae, *iv* and *v* approximated, except in *Yponomeuta*, where they are distant and *iv* is higher than *v*, they are usually on a single tubercle, and *iv* may be much reduced. *vii* is quite variable, most often in the Tortricidae the setae form an oblique line, while in the Tineina the middle one is anterior. In the *Pterophoridae*, *Thyris*, and *Simaethis* they lie, not on the leg, but on a plate at its base. *Adela* and *Incurvaria* are somewhat different (Figs. 34 and 35). *viii* lies on the anterior side of the leg in *Adela* and *Incurvaria*. On the ninth abdominal segment setae *ii* are both on a single median tubercle in the *Tortricidae*, but in the others they are distinct, and often distant.

The hooks of the prolegs in the Pyralididae and Tortricidae are oftenest in a complete circle, alternately of two or three lengths. They are similar in *Thyris*, *Endrosis* and *Depressaria*. Most Tineidae, as well as *Phalonia* and *Orneodes*, have but a single length. In *Gracilaria* there is half of a second band (Fig. 7). *Adela* has two areas of minute hooks, grading into the granulations, which in Incurvaria are reduced to a single transverse row. *Y ponomeuta* has three or four complete circles of hooks. *Nepticula* would appear to have the hooks replaced by a vague area of enlarged conical granulations. In *Panorpa*, there is such an area of enlarged, but setiform granulations, on the posterior side of each of the slender prolegs.\*

Tineola resembles Solenobia in its head and ventral prolegs, but its anal prolegs are normal.

<sup>\*</sup>I am indebted to Dr. E. P. Felt and Prof. J. H. Comstock for the loan of this specimen from the Cornell University collection.

The anal prolegs are wanting in Adela and Incurvaria, those of the sixth abdominal segment are absent in Gracilaria and Coleophora, and reduced in Adela.

Examples:

Thyris vitrina.
Oxyptilus hieracii.
Botys polygonalis.
Hydrocampa nymphaeata.
Homoesoma nebulella.
Crambus falsellus.
Galleria mellonella.
Orneodes hexadactyla.
Cacœcia cerasivorana.
(Figs. 133 and 137).
Carpocapsa pomonella
Several other unidentified Tortricidae.
Phalonia alcella.
Yponomeuta cagnagellus.

(Fig. 141).

Simaethis oxyacantha
(Figs. 139 and 140.)
Argyresthia goedartella
(Fig. 136.)
Sitotroga cerealella.
Depressaria putridella
(Fig. 142).
Cosmopteryx scribaiella.
Coleophora.
Endrosis lacteëlla (Fig. 143.)
Gracilaria alchimiella. (Fig. 7.)
Nepticula pomivorella.
Tineola bisselliella.
Incurvaria koerneriella. (Fig. 34.)
Adela degeerella (Figs. 6 and 35.)

## SUMMARY.

- 1. Useful classificatory characters may be found in the structure of the sclerites of the caterpillar head, and the arrangement of their setae.
- 2. The Sphingidae, Saturniina, Bombyeidae, Notodontidae and, perhaps the Lacosomidae, with their related families, show positive points of resemblance, aside from the mere presence of secondary hair in most of them. This is found in the prolegs, subprimary setae, frontal setae and proportions of front and head, and in their habits.
- 3. The genus Apatelodes is a synthetic form with suggestions of Lasiocampidae, Saturniidae, Bombycidae and perhaps Sphingidae. It is not near the Notodontidae. Melalopha is a fairly typical Notodontid.
- 4. Lacosoma is a synthetic form between the Microlepidoptera and Bombyx-Notodontid series, nearer (at least when young) to the Microlepidoptera.
- 5. Some *Papilies* have the proleg structure of the skippers and Microlepidoptera. It is correlated with a nestbuilding habit.
  - 6. Thyris is a typical Microlepidopter.
- 7. Cast skins and specimens dried without preparation make fairly satisfactory material for study, thus making it possible to found complete descriptions of larvae on the identical specimens that are bred through and accurately named.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY.

EDWARDS, HENRY, Bibliographical Catalogue of the Described Transformations of North American Lepidoptera. Bulletin of the United States National Museum, No. 35; Washington, 1889.

A list of references to descriptions of North American Cater-

pillars, complete to its date.

. G. A List of North American Lepidoptera, and Key to the Literature of this Order of Insects. Bulletin No. 52 of the United States National DYAR, H. G. Museum, Washington, 1902.

Refers to the Bibliographies of American Lepidoptera.

#### DESCRIPTIONS OF CATERPILLARS.

(Only a few of the most important titles are given, see Edwards, cited above)

Lepidoptera.

BUCKLER, W., The Larvae of the British Butterflies and Moths; edited by George T. Porritt. London. Completed in 1901.

Contains 154 plates, illustrating very fully the British cater-

pillars, but with comparatively little descriptive matter.

Hofman, Ernst, Die Raupen der Grossschmetterlinge Europas; Stuttgard, 1893.

Describes and figures the known European Macrolepidop-

terous caterpillars. 50 plates. Forbes, Wm. T. M., Field Tables of Lepidoptera, Worcester, 1906.

Contains an analytical key to the better known macrolepidop-terous caterpillars of Eastern North America, arranged artificially for convenience in identifying specimens; also their foodplants; and the dates of appearance of a number of the more generally interesting ones.

Rhopalocera.

Scudder, S. H., The Butterflies of the Eastern United States and Canada, Cambridge, 1889.

A mongoraph, as complete as it could be made. Colored

plates.

Edwards, W. H., Butterflies of North America, Boston and New York. Completed in 1987.

Sphingidae.

FERNALD, C. H., The Sphingidae of New England. Orono, 1886.

Describes the species then known, and gives a few figures. Eliot, Ida M. and Soule, C. J., Caterpillars and Their Moths, New York, 1902.

Although popularly written, this is the authority to go to for

the sphinx caterpillars of Eastern North America. Photographs. Rothschild, W., and Jordan, K., A Revision of the Lepidopterous Family Sphingidae. Novitates Zoologicae, Supplement to vol. ix., Tring, 1903.

Describes the known caterpillars of the world, and makes a slight attempt to classify them. Bibliography.

Ceratocampidae.

PACKARD, ALPHEUS S., Monograph of the Bombycine Moths, Part II. Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences, vol. ix, Washington,

> A monograph of the family for North America; with colored plates.

Notodontidae.

PACKARD, ALPHEUS S., Part I of the same. Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences. Vol. vii, Washington, 1895.
A monograph of the family in North America north of

Mexico. Colored Plates.

Syntomidae, Arctiidae and Noctuidae in part.

HAMPSON, GEORGE F., Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalaenae in the British Museum. London, nine volumes published so far.

Long descriptions by Dyar of the North American caterpillars,

and briefer ones by the author, of those of other parts of the world.

Noctuidae.

SMITH, J. B., and DYAR, H. G., Contributions toward a Monograph of the Lepidopterous Family Noctuidae of Boreal North America; A Revision of Acronycta (Ochsenheimer) and of Certain Allied Genera. Proceedings of the United States National Museum xxi, 1; Washington, 1898.

Describes and gives a key to all the species, and figures many nem. There is also a discussion of the setae as a means of of them.

elassification.

Dyar, H. G., Descriptions of the Larvae of Fifty North American Noctuidae. Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington, iv, 315; Washington, 1899.

An artificial key to the species described.

Geometridae.

PACKARD, A. S., A Monograph of the Geometrid Moths, or Phalænidæ, of the United States. United States Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, Report, vol. x, Washington, 1876.

Describes the species then known, and figures many; now

more or less out of date.

Dyar, H. G., Life-Histories of North American Geometridae. Psyche, Cambridge, vols. ix to xiv, 1900 to 1907.

Gives descriptions of all the stages of the caterpillars studied, with their superficial structural characters. There is little or nothing about their life history proper.

Eucleidae.

R, H. G., and Morton, E. L., The Life-Histories of the New York Slug-Caterpillars. Journal of the New York Entomological Society, vols. iii to vii, New York, 1895 to 1899. DYAR,

Monographs, with colored figures, of the eighteen New York species. Important discussions on setae and skin granulations. In the same place Dyar describes several exotic slug-caterpillars also.

DVAR, H. G., Annals of the New York Academy of Science, viii, 193. Cited under "Setae," below. It summarizes the structure of the Eucleid larvae, species by species, paying especial attention to the setae.

Pyralididae, Crambinae.

Felt, E. P., On Some Grass-eating Insects. Ithaca.
Descriptions and Life Histories.
Fernald, C. H., The Crambidae of North America, Boston, 1896.

Contains about the same material.

Nymphulinae.

Dyar, H. G., The North American Nymphulinae and Scopariinae. Journal of the New York Entomological Society, xiv, 77; New York, 1906.

Sesiidae.

Beutenmuller, Wm., Monograph of the Sesiidae of North America north of Mexico. Memoirs of the American Museum of Natural History. Vol. 1, part vi, 217, New York, 1900.

The descriptions of the caterpillars by Dyar are unusually complete. Keys arranged by structure and by food-plant.

#### STRUCTURE.

General Anatomy.

LYONNET, PIERRE. Traite Anatomique de la Chenille qui Ronge le Bois de Saule. La Haye, 1760.

This contains the only accurate figures I have seen of caterpillar mouth-parts. Also a full description of the external and internal anatomy of Cossus cossus. A couple of figures from it are copied on plate 10.

Prolegs.

1010

Sundevall, Carl J., Om Msekternas Extremiteter samt deras Hufvud och Mundelar. Till K. Vet. Akad. Inlemnad d. 11 Januari, 1860.

Figures caterpillar mouth-parts and legs.

Goossens, Th., Les Pattes des Chenilles. Annales de la Societe Entomo-logique de France, vii, 385, Paris, 1887. He has a pretty series of figures of the true legs as well as the

prolegs, but unfortunately it is a very superficial study.

Chapman, T. D., On Some Neglected Points in the Structure of the Pupae of Heterocerous Lepidoptera and Their Probable Value in Classifica-tion; with some Associated Observations on Larval Prolegs. Transac-tions of the Entomologica! Society of London, 1895. 97 to 119, London.

Refers more especially to the presence of a complete circle of erotchets in the lower forms.

Setae.

Dyar, Harrison G., A Classification of Lepidopterous Larvae. Annals of the New York Academy of Science. viii, 194 to 232, New York, 1895. Although he has led up to it in a couple of descriptions in

Entomologica Americana, this paper of Dyar's is really the pioneer work on caterpillar setae as a means of classification. A large number of caterpillars are discussed from this point of view. Figures.

DYAR, Additional Notes on the Classification of Lepidopterous Larvae. Transactions of the New York Academy of Science xiv. 49 to 62, New

York, 1895.

Additions and corrections to the last, with more attention to the first stage.

PACKARD, A. S., Monograph of the Bombycine Moths, I. See above under "Notodontidae."

PACKARD, A. S. On a New Classification of the Lepidoptera. American Naturalist, xxix, 636, Philadelphia, 1895.

Gives figures of the mouthparts of Eriocephala (Jugatae). Dyar. A Classification of the Lepidoptera on Larval Characters. American Naturalist. xxix, 1066 to 1072, Philadelphia, 1895.

Discusses especially the Jugatae, with figures of Hepialus,

Micropteryx and Eriocephala.

R. On the Larvae of the Higher Bombyces (Agrotides Grote). Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History xxvii, 227, Boston, 1895.

Gives the structural characters of a large number of forms, of the following families. Drepanidae, Apatelidae (Noctuidae in part), Arctiidae, Nolidae, Lithosiidae, Euchromiidae, Eupterotidae (no typical species), Lemoniidae, Lymantriidae, Lasiocampidae, etc. There is also a genealogy and a key to the families. The number of Stages in Apatelodes torrefacta. Psyche, vii, 316,

DYAR. 1895.

Cambridge.

With a description and figures of the seta-plan of the first stage.

R. Note on the Head-Setae of Perophora melsheimerii. Journ the New York Entomological Society, iv, 92, New York, 1896.

Figures the head, numbering the epicranial setae. DYAR. Journal of

A Natural History of the British Lepidoptera. London, 1900. TUTT, J. W. A chapter on caterpillar anatomy with a long discussion of the setae.

Most of Dyar's descriptions of caterpillars contain more or less in reference

to their setae. In particular the following may be mentioned:

Journal of the New York Entomological Society iii, 68
(Eudeilinea) iii, 17 (Thaumetopoea), iii, 130; iv, 68 (Pericopidae).

Canadian Entomologist xxvii, 325; xxvii, 159 (Apatelodes); xxviii, 2; xxviii, 103.

Entomological News vi, 38 to 40 and 100. (Pterophoridae). Psyche vii, 259 (Clisiocampa).

## EXPLANATION OF THE FIGURES.

#### PLATE X.

Fig. 1. Front view of head of caterpillar (Apatela), with setae numbered. adf., adfrontal sclerite; adf. i, adf. ii, its setae. adf. o., adfrontal puncture. fr. i, frontal setae. fr. o., frontal puncture. cl. i., and cl. ii., elypeal setae.

lbr., labrum. ant., antenna.

md., mandible. md. i. and md. ii. its setae.

i to xi, setae of epicrania.

Fig. 2. Under lip of caterpillar (Catocala).

S. m., Submentum. Ment., Mentum. m. i., mental seta. c., Cardo. St., Stipes.

i and ii, Setae of stipes.

iii, Seta of first joint of maxillary palpus. mx. p., Free part of maxillary palpus. (See also Figures 3 and 26.)

Tip of labium of Catocala.

Seta of sclerite a.

a. i. b., Sclerite b, perhaps the palpifer. b. o., Punctures of sclerite b.

c. o., Puncture of scierite c.

seg. 1, Lb. p. seg. 3, The three joints of the labial palpus.

Sp. Spinneret.

Fig. 4. Seta plan of a typical (Noctuid) caterpillar; metathorax. In these diagrams a single segment is represented as if cut on the mid-dorsal and mid-ventral lines, and laid flat. The anterior edge is to the left, and the mid-dorsal line at the upper edge.

Fig. 5. Seta plan of a middle abdominal segment of the same type. Fig. 6. Proleg of Adela, with the setae numbered, ventral view.

Fig. Proleg of Gracilaria, lateroventral view.

Proleg of Noctuid caterpillar, lateral view; seta viii is shown in dotted lines as if seen by transparency, and the roots of the hooks are repre-FIG. S. sented in the same way.

Fig. 9. Arrangement of hooks on the proleg of a Sphingid or Bombycid

caterpillar.

#### PLATE XI.

Proleg of Papilio polyxenes, somewhat flattened; seen from the Fig. 10. median side. Fig. 11.

Proleg of Jasoniades glaucus, split down the side to the planta and flattened out.

Labrum of Acronycta, showing typical arrangement of setae, and one of the punctures.

Figs. 13 to 24. Labra of butterflies; drawn to the same scale.

Anosia plexippus. Argynnis cybele. 13. 19. Cerevonis alope. 14. Pieris rapæ. 20. 21. 15. Euphydryas phaeton. Papilio polyxenes. 16. Polygonia interrogationis 22. Jasoniades glaucus. 23. 17. Epargyreus tityrus. Euvanessa antiopa. Basilarchia disippus. 24. Pholisora catullus. 18.

Fig. 25. Labium of an Elater beetle larva (compare with Figs. 2 and 32).

#### PLATE XII.

Fig. 26. Tip of left maxilla of a Noctuid caterpillar, caudal aspect.

iv and v, setae of second segment of palpus. palp. 1, First free segment of palpus. 2, Second free segment of palpus.

base, Basal segment of galea.

mx. l., Maxillary lobes.

l. c., Inner large cone, the outer one is behind the outer maxillary lobe.

st. c., Step cone. s. c., Small cone. The inner one is in front of the inner maxillary lobe.

Tip of maxilla of Hepialus (Jugatae), caudal aspect. Fig. 27.

Fig. 28. A typical mandible (Phlegethontius quinquemaculatus, side view of right mandible).

A typical antenna (Diaerisia virginica), side view of right antenna. (The long seta is posterior). Fig. 29.

Arrangement of eyes of right side in the Jugatae (Hepialus hectus). Arrangement of eyes of right side in the Frenatæ (Demas coryli). Fig. 30.

Fig. 31. Fig. 32. Maxilla and labium of a sawfly. The right maxilla is not shown. The part of the maxilla covered by the labium is indicated in dotted

lines. Seta plan of middle abdominal segment of Hepialus hectus; compare-Fig. 33.

Figs. 4 and 5.

Fig. 34. Same of Ineurvaria, showing also the dorsal and ventral selerites.

Fig. 35. Ventral view of pro- and mesothorax of Adela.

St., Sternum. Cx., Coxa. F., Femur. T., Tibia.

tr., Trochanter.

## PLATE XIII.

Fig. 36. Labium and maxillae of Basilarchia disippus. The drawings of lower lips were made with the camera lucida, and they are drawn as they appeared in the prepared specimens. They are usually somewhat retracted, on one or both sides. In life the labium is usually folded so that the spinneret lies at right angles to the rest, and the base of the spinneret and the setae ai at least, are concealed.

Fig. 37. Labrum of Libythea celtis, on the same scale as the other butterfly labraFig. 38. Labrum of Thella ilicis.

## SPHINGIDAE.

Fig. 39. 40 and 41. Head, labrum and lower lip of Dolba hylaeus (?). Fig. 42. Sketch of head of Paonias myops, to show the form.

Fig. 43 and 44. Front and labrum more enlarged.

Fig. 45. Head of Ceratomia amyntor.

Fig. 46. Head of Deilephila gallii.

Fig. 27. Head of Pseudosphinx tetrio.

#### PLATE XIV.

Fig. 48 and 53. Head and labrum of Amphion nessus.

Fig. 49. Labrum of Ceratomia amyntor. Fig. 50. Labrum of Pseudosphinx tetrio.

Fig. 51. Labrum of Phlegethontius carolina.

Fig. 52. Labrum of Deilephila gallii.

Fig. 54, 55 and 56. Head labrum and lower lip of Apatelodes torrefacta.

## ENDROMIDAE.

Fig. 57. Labrum of Endromis versicolor.

BOMBYCIDAE.

Fig. 58. Labrum of Bombyx mori.

#### LASIOCAMPIDAE.

Antenna, and front and labrum of Malacosoma disstria. Fig. 59 and 60.

### CERATOCAMPIDAE.

Fig. 61. Head of Basilona imperialis. Fig. 62. Labrum of Anisota senatoria. Fig. 63. Labrum of Citheronia regalis.

## PLATE XV.

Fig. 64. Head of Anisota senatoria. Fig. 65. Labrum of Basilona imperalis.

#### SATURNIDAE.

Fig. 66. Head of Hyperchiria io. Fig. 67. Maxillae and labrum of a half grown larva, supposed to be H. io.

Fig. 68. Maxillae and labium of adult larve of H. io.

Fig. 69. Labrum of Telea polyphemus. That of normal Tropaca luna is similar,

but lacks the secondary hair.

Fig. 70. Maxillae and labium of T. polyphemus.

Fig. 71. Labrum of Tropaca luna. An aberration, apparently due to injury and imperfect regeneration. The form is changed, and setae iii, iv and vi are lost on the right side.

Fig. 72. Head of Tropaea luna. That of polyphemus is similar.

#### NOTODONTIDAE.

Fig. 73. Front and labrum of Datana integerrima.

Fig. 74. Front and labrum of Schizura concinna. That of S. badia is quite similar

Fig. 75. Front and labrum of Cerura, penultimate stage.

#### PLATE XVI

Fig. 76. Head of Melalopha.

Fig. 77. Ventral proleg of Cerura, extended.

Fig. 78. Analleg of Datana ministra, penultimate stage, seen from the ventrolateral point of view.

Lateral view of stemapod, or anal proleg of Cerura, with the tip of the Fig. 79 body.

Fig. 80. Nearly lateral view of anal proleg of Heterocampa guttivitta; about half

of the row of crotchets is shown.
Fig. 81. Ventral proleg of the same, half retracted; extended it would resemble Figure 77 quite closely.
Fig. 82. Labrum of H. guttivitta. Nadata is quite similar.

Fig. 83. Labrum of Melalopha.

#### GEOMETRIDAE.

Fig. 84. Head of Lycia cognataria (?).

Fig. 85. Lateral view of sixth abdominal segment of the same, showing normal Ennomid position of the proleg, and seta vib.

Fig. 86. Labrum of the same.

Fig. 87. Ventral view of proleg of Zerene catenaria, opened on the outer side and flattened, to show the sucker, interrupting the row of hooks.

#### Thyateridae.

Fig. 88. Heax of Cymatophora (Bombycia) or. Sketch to show form of epicrania.

DREPANIDAE

Fig. 89. Front view of head of Drepana arcuata.

Fig. 90. Seta plan of the same. The leg is indicated very diagrammatically. Fig. 91. Labrum of the same. Fig. 92. Lateral view of ventral proleg, showing the three true setae vii, the outer row of rudimentary hooks, and the two ends of the developed inner row.

#### PLATE XVII.

#### LACOSOMIDAE.

Fig. 93. Ventral view of proleg of half-grown Lacosoma chiridota. Fig. 91 and 95. Lower lip and head of L. chiridota.

## THAUMETOPOEIDAE.

Fig. 96 and 97. Labrum and claw of true leg of Thaumetopoca (Cnethocampa) pityocampa.

## · Lymantriidae.

Fig. 98. Front and labrum of Hemerocampa leucostigma. 1 ig. 99. Labrum of Euproctis chrysorrhea.

#### NOCTUIDAE.

116 100. Head of Demas coryli.

Fig. 101. Tip of true leg of D. coryli. The moderately notched claw, and the three spatulate setae are typical, but not universal in the Macro-

lepidoptera. Fig. 102 to 105. Labra of various species of Acronycta, to show variation within

the genus.

116, 106. Labrum of Arsilonche henrici.

Fig. 107. Head of Hadena (Trachea) turbulenta.

Fig. 108. Head of Feltia sp. Fig. 109. Part of head of Euxoa sp. Fig. 109. Part of head of Euxo Fig. 110. Front of Cucullia sp

146, 111. The ocelli of Nyeteola revayana. (Right side). 146, 112. The ocelli of Earias chlorana.

#### PLATE XVIII.

## ARCTIDAE.

116-113. Head of Apantesis parthenice (?); the setae are somewhat shorter than in life, but not so much so as in most of the figures of heads in this paper.

1 16, 111. Head of Isia isabella.
1 16, 115. Mandible of the same, seen from the inner aspect.
1 16, 116. Mandible of Apantesis. (Of the opposite side).

116. 117. Front and labrum of Euchaetias egle.

Fig. 118. Lower lip of E. egle.

Fig. 119 and 120. Front and labrum more enlarged of Halesidota caryae.

l'16, 121. Labrum of Isia isabella.

# SYNTOMIDAE.

1 16, 122. Labrum of Ctenucha virginica.

#### MEGALOPYGIDAE.

Fig. 123. Lower lip of Lagoa crispata.

121. Antenna of L crispata (seen from the ventral side).

#### PLATE XIX.

Fig. 125. Labrum of Lagoa crispata.

Fig. 126. Half of the same, more enlarged.

#### MICROLEPIDOPTERA.

Fig. 127. Front view of head of Psyche zelleri.
Fig. 128. Ventral view of proleg of Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis.
Fig. 129. Sketch of lower lip of Cossus cossus, showing the general arrangement and proportions of parts.

- Fig. 130. Tips of maxillae and labium of Cossus cossus; copied from Lyonnet Twice the size of the original engraving. Only a small part of Lyonnet's figure is shown.

  - g Subgalea.
    d. f. Maxillae.
    e. Mentum
    H. Maxillary palpus. The dotted line runs to the enlarged second joint characteristic of Cossus.

I Sclerite c, at the base of the spinneret.
T. Large cones.
Fig. 131. Skin of Cossus cossus. Opened from the dorsal side, and with the larger muscles removed to show the retractor muscles of the proleg (2). The proleg itself is represented by an indistinct ring at the right end of the muscle. The midventral line runs just to the left of the muscle marked P. This is also a copy of a small part of one of Lyonnet's figures, enlarged about twice

Fig. 132. Antenna of Melittia encurbitae. (Sesiidae). Fig. 133. Antenna of Caeoecia cerasivorana (Tortricidae).

#### PLATE XX.

## VARIOUS FAMILIES.

Fig. 133. Partly lateral view of spinneret and neighboring parts of Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis (Psychidae) to show an unusual amount of development of the sclerites.

Ventral view of proleg of Lagoa crispata (Megalopygidae). Fig. 135.

- Fig. 136. Head of Argyresthia. (Tineina). Fig. 137. Maxillae and labium of Cacoecia cerasivorana. (Tortricidae). Fig. 138. Portion of skin of Rhodophora florida (Noctuidae) to show the type

of granulation. Fig. 139 and 140. Head and antenna more enlarged of Simaethis oxyacantha (Tineina)

Fig. 141. Antenna of Yponomeuta cagnagellus. (Tineina).

Fig. 142. Head of Depressaria putridella. (Tineina). Fig. 143. Head of Endrosis lacteella. (Tineina).